

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 13-14 have been added. Enclosed herewith is Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$86.00 in payment of the fee for the added claims. Please charge any other fees for entry of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1644.

The amendments to claim 1 were made to clarify the claim. Accordingly, amended claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to remain allowable. Allowed claims 8-11 have not been amended and thus also remain allowable.

Added independent claim 13 recites a camera in which is provided a lens holding member for detachably holding a lens device, an image taking device designed to photoelectrically convert light received, a mirror unit disposed between the lens holding member and the image taking device, a central main body member on which the lens holding member and the image taking device are mounted, and a chassis which fixes the central main body. The cited references to Furuya, et al., Takeda and Cronin, et al. fail to teach or suggest a lens holding member for detachably holding a lens device in combination with the other elements of independent claim 13.


Applicant notes also that in claim 13, the "lens holding member" is an element in the claim and is depicted as lens mount 6 in FIGS. 1-3. The "lens device" mentioned in claim 13 is not an element, but has been recited to describe the features of the lens mount, i.e., that the lens mounted is configured to detachably hold a lens device. Accordingly, it is not believed that the lens device is required to be illustrated in applicant's drawings.

In view of the above, it is believed that applicant's claims, as amended, are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same to issue is respectfully requested.

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